

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 10, 20, 31, and 45 are amended, and claim 33 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-32 and 33-45 are pending in this application.

Claims 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jain et al. (US 2002/0186657). In addition, claims 10-17, 20-27, 37, and 40-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Jain in view of one or more of Kim et al. (US 2002/0141349) in view of Chung et al. (US 2004/0110534), Chheda et al. (US 7,120,447), and Bae et al. (US 2003/0093364).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-9 are allowed and that claims 18, 19, 28-30, 33, 34, and 43-45 contains allowable subject matter.

Applicants take notice of the Examiner's reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner specifically identifying the feature of "setting a reverse activation control bit based on the comparison of an active number of users with a threshold user number defining an allowable limit of active users," as not being found in any of the applied references.

Accordingly, Applicants amend independent claims 10, 20, and 31 to recite the above allowable feature. For example, claim 10 is amended to recite a step (g) of "setting the reverse activation control bit as 1 to be transmitted to the mobile terminal if a number of the active users is greater than a threshold user number." In addition, claim 20, step (d) is amended to replace the conditional phrase -or- with -and- so as to always include the step of "comparing the number of active users who are carrying out communication with a threshold user number which defines an allowable limit of the active users...."

Similarly, independent claim 31 is amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 33, and claim 33 is herewith canceled.

Still further claim 45 is amended to depend from claim 31.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing amendments, claims 10-32 and 34-45 are allowable and withdrawal of the rejections thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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